nate offices, namely, Geological Survey of India and Indian Bureau of Mines, and all the six public sector undertakings under the Ministry, namely, Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd., Hindustan Zinc Ltd., Hindustan Copper Ltd., National Aluminium Company Ltd., Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd. and Bharat Gold Mines Ltd., have implemented the Government instructions of August, 1990.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश में तांबे का भंडार

1572. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री बी० के हरिप्रसाद :

क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में अधिकांश तांबे (खनिज) के भंडार मध्य प्रदेश में पाये जाते हैं और इसकी खानें मध्य प्रदेश के बालाघाट जिले के मलंजखंड क्षेत्र में स्थित हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार मध्य प्रदेश में ही एक तांबा संयंत्र की स्थापना करने का विचार रखती है ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) जी हां, देश की अधिकतम विदोहन योग्य तांबा भंडार मध्य प्रदेश में हैं और तांबा खानें बालाघाट जिले में मलंजखंड क्षेत्र में हैं।

(ख) मध्य प्रदेश में तांबा प्रगालक की स्थापना का अभी कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Barter deal of coking coal and iron ore between India and China

@1573. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI J. P. JAVALI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for a barter deal between India and China for the import of coking coal against export of iron ore was discussed between the two countries recently;

(b) whether Central Government are in receipt of concrete proposal in this regard from the State Government of Karnataka; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government of Karnataka has proposed to establish a joint venture to export blast furnace grade iron ore from Bellari-Hospet area in Karnataka on long-term basis and in exchange receive coking coal and steam grade coal from China. The Government of Karnataka has held preliminary discussions with Chinese on the subject. No concrete proposal on the subject has been received from Government of Karnataka.

Appointment of Conversion Units/Agents

1574. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names and addresses of conversion units/agents appointed by the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Limited and quantity of raw-materials offered to such conversion units/agents and what norms and criteria have been adopted in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that SAIL and Rashtriya Ispat Ltd. are giving certain facilities to such conversion units; if so what are the details thereof; and

@Previously Unstarred Question 373, transferred from the 26th November, 1991.